

NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER, 2007 MEETING

This is a new feature which will be expanded. To bridge the gap between the end of the meeting and the time when minutes of that meeting are posted, notes from the most recent meeting will be posted. Currently if you wish to comment on, add to, or suggest corrections to those notes, send me an e-mail. The ability to comment online will have to be reviewed before it can be implemented. The notes are not intended to be a substitute for minutes and should not be taken as either a complete or official record of what was discussed at the meeting.

- While the noise reports are interesting, some feel that they are not useful because they simply report what cannot be changed.
- There was a general sense that while the economic importance of Hanscom is widely recognized, Massport does not plan in cooperation with surrounding towns. In October, Bedford sent a letter to that effect to Governor Patrick.
- The idea of planning for growth rather than resisting all change was introduced.
- There was a general feeling that more face time with Massport officials is necessary. To that end, there will be an attempt to organize a larger meeting in January which would include representatives from Massport and from the Boards of Selectmen and Planning Boards of the surrounding towns. This meeting is seen as a cooperative meeting rather than as a complaint session.
- There is some apprehension that Massport plans to develop Hanscom as a port for cargo shipments which would greatly increase truck traffic to transport that cargo.
- Massport announced that they plan to request permission from their board to improve utilities in the East Ramp area in the hopes of attracting private hangar development. Massport stated that they had no particular development in mind, but simply hoped to attract some sort of development. This announcement was met with general skepticism, the feeling being that the scope of improvements would depend on the type of hangar and the type of hangar would depend on the type of development. No new access point would have to be established to be able to make use of whatever might be developed in this area, but Massport did not rule out the construction of such an access point.
- Massport put forward as sort of a mission statement "Massport wants income from Hanscom."
- Massport is exploring local office hours. Representatives from Bedford and Lexington indicated that suitable meeting space would be made available should office hours become a reality.

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

This is another new feature. Please send suggestions for additional topics to me via e-mail.

- Noise Reports
 - Are they needed?
 - Are they useful?
 - What changes could be made to make them more useful?

- Planning for January meeting with Massport and local officials
 - Focus of meeting
 - Attendees and how to invite
 - Structure
 - Venue

- More information on development of East Ramp area